

## ***Editor's Comments***

This edition of ***Sociological Viewpoints*** commemorates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the journal. The Pennsylvania Sociological Society was founded in 1950. Although there was a frequent issuing of ***Socioline***, the Society's newsletter, the journal took 35 years to develop. Very few state organizations publish their own peer reviewed journal. Thanks to Chuck Babbitt, the "father" of ***Sociological Viewpoints***, and the other past editors, the PSS has enjoyed the continuous publication of its own journal since 1985. The Society is planning special ceremonies to commemorate this silver anniversary of the journal at its annual meeting to be held at Mansfield University in October.

This special spring edition of the journal features routinely submitted manuscripts, copies of several presentations made at the 59<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, three "classic" articles from the journal's vault, and two book reviews. Over the past several years I have had the pleasure to research past editions of the journal. Among its contributors are a host of internationally recognized experts. Among these have been Art Shostak (labor unions and futurism), Claire Renzetti (domestic violence and women's studies), Joan Ferrante (globalization), John Macionis (community life and new information technologies), Darrell Steffensmeier (juvenile justice and crime), and Michael Burawoy (Past President of the American Sociological Association).

And although the PSS is making good things happen in academia, we do face challenges that if not met, can greatly curtail the future success of the organization. The first is a dwindling membership. Although I cannot recall ever having a hundred or more paid members in the organization, the number seemed to hover around eighty for several years. Prior to the special mailing that was done in January asking past members to renew their dues, there were only 21 paid members for 2010. This number has doubled since the mailing, but it is still far short of what the membership can be. We need about 60 members to provide the funds to cover the cost of administrative services, the journal, and newsletter. The second challenge we face is tied directly to the first, an aging membership. Many of our members are retired and many more soon will be. Our younger members need to step forward to contribute to the Society's activities.

If you like what you see in ***Sociological Viewpoints*** and ***Socioline*** and enjoy our conferences, take the time to see that your dues are current. As an added bonus, recruit a new member from your department to join us. The future of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society rests in our hands.

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Editor

## **Past Editors of *Sociological Viewpoints***

This special edition of *Sociological Viewpoints* is dedicated  
in the honor and memory of the men and women who served as editors.

### **1985-1987**

Charles “Chuck” Babbitt  
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

### **1988-1989**

Leo G. Barille  
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

### **1990-1991**

Moon H. Jo  
Lycoming College

### **1992**

Lawrence Rosen  
Temple University

### **1993**

Midori T. Rynn  
University of Scranton

### **1994**

Richard A. Wright\*  
University of Scranton

### **1995-1998**

Edward Reilly \*  
University of Scranton

### **1999-2001**

Loreen Wolfer  
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### **2002-2003**

Anthony W. Zumpetta  
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

### **2004**

Midori Yamanouchi Rynn  
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Anthony W. Zumpetta  
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